

What is claimed is:

1. Footwear comprising:

a pan member provided in a front part of a face of an
outer sole of the footwear, the face being to be in contact
5 with a sole of a foot, wherein

said pan member is provided with a shock absorber that
comes into contact with a front part of the sole of the foot
to absorb an impact.

2. The footwear according to claim 1, comprising:

10 an upper leather and a shoe sole bonded at its upper
portion to the upper leather, the upper leather being formed
in a shape enclosing an instep of the foot and having a bottom
opening rim closely resembling an outer shape of the sole of
the foot, wherein

15 a pan member is bonded to a front part of the bottom
opening rim of said upper leather so that a front part of the
upper leather is formed in the shape of a bag to enclose a toe,
and said pan member is provided with a shock absorber.

3. The footwear according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

20 said shock absorber comprises a gel.

4. The footwear according to any one of claims 1 to 3,
wherein

the shock absorber has an Asker F hardness of 30 or more
and 90 or less.

25 5. The footwear according to any one of claims 1 to 4,

wherein

the shock absorber has an Asker F hardness of 30 or more and 90 or less and an Asker C hardness of 10 or more and 25 or less.

5 6. The footwear according to any one of claims 1 to 5,
wherein

the pan member is formed to have a size with the length and width corresponding to those of a region of the sole of the foot from a tiptoe to a front end of an arch.

10 7. The footwear according to any one of claims 1 to 6,
wherein

the shock absorber is formed to have a size with the length and width corresponding to those of a region of the sole of the foot from a tiptoe to a front end of an arch.